

## Today's News - Tuesday, July 30, 2013

- Sheppard takes a deep dive into why we're not prepared for the next big superstorm: "we pretend the next storm won't happen - and flush billions in disaster relief down the drain. Put another way: We're already deep under water" (a must-read!).
- Cagle takes a long look at the dark side of San Francisco's tech cash boom that "is redefining what public and private really mean in all civic spaces - and the implications are not as bright, shiny, and truly shareable" as some would have us believe - "the 'prosperity' doesn't really trickle down."
- Quirk, meanwhile, looks at how "the private sector has become Detroit's only beacon of hope" - it's all that tech cash (note to Detroiters: there's lessons to be learned in them thar San Fran hills).
- Krugman calls Atlanta "the Sultan of Sprawl" where disadvantaged workers often can't get to where the jobs are, which "reinforces the case for 'smart growth' urban strategies, which try to promote compact centers with access to public transit."
- Q&A with Crankshaw re: the "do's and don'ts for livable downtowns": "DON'T design for visitors. Design for your own residents."
- Q&A with landscape architect Chapman re: his role as the lead designer of Alkimos Beach, a new regional center north of Perth: "urban design is a natural extension of the practice."
- Hume fumes about a Toronto neighborhood fighting a "reading garden" next to its library out of fear of crime: "This sort of knee-jerk negativism has become standard in cities."
- Wainwright, on the other hand, cheers the "wilderness" London's Olympic Park has become: "an overgrown playground" with "a refreshing lack of health and safety obstruction."
- An eyeful of Hadid's museum embedded in an Alpine slope.
- An amusing take on Gehry's "perfectly frank" musings about L.A.'s missed architectural opportunities (and the aquatic influence on his own designs "wasn't just that my grandmother brought home fish").
- Kamin gets a gander at Gehry's 7.5-ton Icehenge "minispectacle" of a security desk in Chicago's Inland Steel Building: while some tenants wonder, "When will it melt?" he advises "enjoy its virtues. Like all lobby furniture, it's not forever."
- Eliasson had no idea that proposal ARoS Aarhus Art Museum "would change the landscape and identity of an entire city."
- A British architect finds "joy and relief" that his new "fish hook" bridge in New Zealand is beautiful (and works!).
- Parsons taps McGrath as new dean of the School of Constructed Environments.
- Five contrasting views about whether architecture students should be taught sustainable design.

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[Flood, Rebuild, Repeat: Are We Ready for a Superstorm Sandy Every Other Year? Why we pretend the next storm won't happen—and flush billions in disaster relief down the drain: "This issue is moving so much faster than the governmental apparatus right now." Put another way: We're already deep under water. By Kate Sheppard- The Atlantic Cities](#)

[The dark side of Startup City: ...there is much to be learned from San Francisco's recent influx of tech cash. This place is redefining what public and private really mean in all civic spaces — and the implications are not as bright, shiny, and truly shareable as the tech blogosphere would like you to believe. By Susie Cagle- Grist Magazine](#)

[Why Bankruptcy May Be the Best Thing for Detroit: ...many Detroiters...are embracing the move as a long overdue turning point...tech-emergence has come about hand in hand with an \(in-process\) urban revitalization...the private sector has become Detroit's only beacon of hope. By Vanessa Quirk- ArchDaily](#)

[Op-Ed: Stranded by Sprawl: ...in one important respect booming Atlanta looks just like Detroit gone bust...Atlanta is the Sultan of Sprawl...disadvantaged workers often find themselves stranded; there may be jobs available somewhere, but they literally can't get there...reinforces the case for "smart growth" urban strategies, which try to promote compact centers with access to public transit. By Paul Krugman- New York Times](#)

[Do's and Don'ts for Livable Downtowns: Q&A with Ned Crankshaw, author of "Creating Vibrant Public Spaces: Streetscape Design in Commercial and Historic Districts": "DON'T design for visitors. Design for your own residents..." - Build a Better Burb](#)

[Building Alkimos Beach: Landscape architect Michael Chapman talks about his role as an urban designer on Western Australia's ambitious project – a planned new regional centre 40 kilometres north of Perth. When it comes to creating communities, he says, urban design is a natural extension of the practice. \[images\]- ArchitectureAU \(Australia\)](#)

[Neighbours fight parkette: Opposition to a "reading garden" next to the Jane-Sheppard Library, out of fear of crime, is a sign of the times: We have reached the point in Toronto where a neighbourhood grows angry and nervous when word comes that it will get a new green space...This sort of knee-jerk negativism has become standard in cities...The siege mentality is more widespread than ever. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[The Olympic Park has become a wilderness – and that's the intention: The manicured landscape of a year ago has turned into an overgrown playground that tells the story of Lea valley...in the adventure landscape of the new Queen Elizabeth Park...a refreshing lack of health and safety obstruction... By Oliver Wainwright -- Erect Architecture; Land Use Consultants \[images\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Messner Mountain Museum at Plan de Corones Proposal / Zaha Hadid Architects: ...the sixth and final MMM Corones is embedded within Mount Kronplatz...adds a further cultural and educational element to this popular Alpine destination. \[images\]- ArchDaily](#)

[Perfectly Frank: The city's most acclaimed architect, Frank Gehry muses on missed opportunities: "Los Angeles doesn't take architecture seriously, though I guess you could say that about most cities"...L.A. has let itself down...we keep making mistakes by trying to conform to old ideas of what a city should be. - Los Angeles Magazine](#)

[Gehry provokes with 'Icehenge': Security desk in Inland Steel Building lobby very good at drawing attention to itself: Some tenants wish it would go away..."When will it melt?"...despite its allure, \[it\] is ultimately a minispectacle...an interesting curiosity from a great architect. Enjoy its virtues. Like all lobby furniture, it's not forever. By Blair Kamin \[image\]- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Olafur Eliasson: Changing the Face of Denmark's Second Largest City: ...he had no idea that proposal would change the landscape and identity of an entire city. That is exactly what happened when "Your Rainbow Panorama" opened on the roof of ARoS Aarhus Art Museum.- NY Arts Magazine](#)

[Relief and joy as fish hook opens: English architect Martin Knight has designed some pretty spectacular bridges across the Northern Hemisphere, but he reckons Te Matau a Pohe - the new bridge across Whangarei Harbour - is one of the best he's ever created. -- Knight Architects \[images\]- The Northern Advocate \(New Zealand\)](#)

[Parsons Taps Brian McGrath To Lead Architecture School: ...new dean of the School of Constructed Environments...taking the place of interim dean David Lewis. -- Urban-Interface - The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Five views on sustainability in architectural education: Should architecture students be taught sustainable design? And if so, how? ...five contrasting views...The anti view; green infrastructure specialist; engineer; educator; landscape architect -- Austin Williams; Blanche Cameron; Doug King; Sergio Altomonte; Tim Waterman - The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

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